

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006. Claims 1-10 and 12 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1-10 and 12 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-10 and 12 were cancelled and claims 13-20 were added. Claims 13-20 now remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 13-20 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard (USPN 3,277,646) in view of new reference cited to Affolter (USPN 5,003,035).

Claims 9, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard (USPN 3,277,646) and Affolter (USPN 5,003,035), as applied to claim 8, above, in further view of GB Patent to Yeung (GB Patent No. 2,194,081).

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-10 and 12, therefore Applicant believes the above rejections are moot.

New Claims 13-20

Applicant submits that independent claims 13 is patentable over Howard, Affolter and Yeung -- either taken alone or in combination.

Applicant's invention recites in the independent claim 1:

“A watch comprising:

a principal dial, the principal dial having a first function and a second function, the first function being a time keeper keeping the time of day in a first time zone, the

second function is at least one of a lunar reference, a stop watch and a chronograph, the first time zone being the most important time zone;

at least three subordinate dials, the at least three subordinate dials each having a single function, the single function being a time keeper keeping the time of day in a second, third and fourth time zones, respectively, the second, third and fourth time zones being different from each other and the first time zone; and

a casing having a top side, a bottom side and side edges, the top side including a scratch resistant surface that allows for a clear view of the movements, the rear side including a cross-sectional curve allowing for comfortable placement of the watch mechanism on a user, and the side edges having opposing curves that coincide with the cross-sectional curve,

whereby the principal dial and the at least three subordinate dials each (1) have a face, (2) are capable of operating independently of each other, (3) are capable of being removed from the watch independently of each other, and (4) are capable of operation following the removal of one or more other movements, and whereby the principal dial is significantly larger than the at least three subordinate dials thereby allowing the principal dial to be distinguished from the at least three subordinate dials quickly and easily so no confusion occurs to the time in the first time zone.”

Supporting disclosure for Applicant’s watch mechanism can be found throughout the specification.

Howard, Affolter and Yeung do not disclose a watch as claimed in claim 13.

Since Howard and Yeung do not disclose a watch as claimed in claim 13,

Applicant believes that independent claim 13 is patentable over Howard, Affolter and Yeung -- either taken alone or in combination -- on at least this basis.

Claims 14-20 depend on claim 13. Since claim 13 is believed to be patentable over Howard, Affolter and Yeung, claims 14-20 are believed to be patentable over

Howard, Affolter and Yeung on the basis of their dependency on claim 13.

CONCLUSION

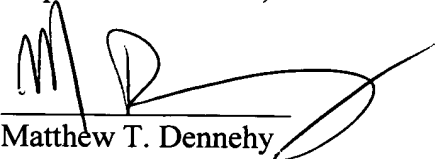
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

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